

16 JUL 1947

Senator George D. Aiken, Chairman
Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments
Senate Office Building
Washington, 25, D.C.

My dear Senator Aiken:

I am in receipt of your letter of 7 July 1947, together with the chart of the Organization of Federal Executive Departments and Agencies.

The Central Intelligence Group is the working element of the National Intelligence Authority. The Authority, which was established by Executive Directive of the President, dated 22 January 1946, consists of the Secretaries of State, War, and the Navy, and a personal representative of the President, in this case Fleet Admiral Leahy. The Authority has no personnel assigned to it. It serves as a Board of Directors for the Central Intelligence Group. Therefore, for reasons of security, it would be desirable if there were no mention of the National Intelligence Authority or the Central Intelligence Group, and no reference to its personnel strength in any subsequent editions of the chart.

Those items which we desire to have eliminated from the chart are:

1. Item 1 (b)(11) under the War Department, as no mention of the Central Intelligence Group should be included in this category. The figure set forth in the chart of 31 December 1946 is erroneous.
2. The reference to the National Intelligence Authority under Miscellaneous Agencies in the Emergency Agencies box.
3. The reference to the National Intelligence Authority which is Item 6 of the Emergency Agencies Totals, including footnotes three and four. This is necessary since no reference should be made to any possible sources of intelligence budgets.

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Under the provisions of the National Security Act, if adopted, the National Intelligence Authority will cease to exist, and it will be replaced by the National Security Council. Under the same legislation, if passed, the Central Intelligence Group will also cease to exist, and its functions, personnel, records and funds will be transferred to the Central Intelligence Agency, established under the National Security Council. The same security provisions as requested above should be continued in force when the new agencies are established.

In view of the responsibilities of your Committee in connection with the size and expenditures in the executive departments, I would be very happy to follow the procedure initiated by General Vandenberg by having an informal meeting with you at any time, and disclosing to you for your confidential information any figures which you feel you would like to review personally in connection with this agency.

I am very appreciative of your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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